

### Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A handheld implement, having a handle housing part (12) that contains at least one carrying handle (10), and with at least one motor housing part (16) that carries a drive unit (14) and is connected to the housing part (12) by means of an antivibration system that comprises at least one vibration-reducing spring element (18) and a threaded adjusting element in communication with said at least one ~~vibration~~ vibration-reducing element, wherein the threaded adjusting element is selectively actuated to adjust the spring constant of said at least one vibration-reducing spring element (18); and wherein said at least one vibration-reducing spring element further includes a hollow damping element.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently amended) The implement according to Claim 1, characterized in that the at least one vibration-reducing spring element  $[(18)]$  can be adjusted by defining a spring constant  $[(26)]$  and/or a damping constant  $[(32)]$ .
5. (Currently amended) The implement according to Claim 1, characterized in that the spring constant  $[(26)]$  of the vibration-reducing spring element can be varied in dependence on the thickness  $[(28)]$  of the spring wire, the average winding diameter  $[(30)]$  and the spring length  $[(34)]$ .

6. (Currently amended) The implement according to Claim 5, characterized in that the vibration-reducing spring element contains a rigid body [(36)] that can be screwed into or onto the spring element in order to realize a static adjustment of the spring length [(34)].
7. (Currently amended) The implement according to Claim 6, characterized in that the rigid body [(36)] consists of an adjusting screw [(44)].
8. (Currently amended) The implement according to Claim 7, characterized in that the vibration-reducing spring element contains a flexible body [(38)] that can be screwed into or onto the spring element in order to realize a dynamic adjustment of the spring length [(34)].
9. (Currently amended) The implement according to Claim 8, characterized in that the flexible body [(38)] consists of a spring element [(40)].
10. (Canceled)
11. (Currently amended) The implement according to Claim 5, characterized in that a contact surface [(46)] is arranged inside or outside the vibration-reducing spring element in order to realize a progressive adjustment of the spring/ damping characteristic [(34)] of the vibration-reducing spring element.
12. (Canceled)
13. (Currently amended) The implement according to Claim 6, characterized in that ~~that~~ a static adjustment, a dynamic adjustment, a progressive adjustment and a prestress adjustment can be combined with one another.
14. (Currently amended) The implement according to Claim 5, characterized in that the average winding diameter [(30)] of the vibration-reducing spring element can be defined

15. (Currently amended) The implement according to Claim 5, characterized in that the spring wire thickness  $[(28)]$  of the vibration-reducing spring element can be defined.
16. (Currently amended) The implement according to Claim 3 1, characterized in that the damping elements  $[(22)]$  for adjusting the damping constant  $[(32)]$  are realized in the form of solid dampers.
17. (Canceled)
18. (Currently amended) The implement according to Claim 16, characterized in that the damping elements  $[(22)]$  have an axial prestress.
19. (Canceled)
20. (Original) The implement according to Claim 17, characterized in that the hollow damper is filled with gas.
21. (Original) The implement according to Claim 17, characterized in that the hollow damper is filled with a fluid.
22. (Previously presented) The implement according to Claim 1, characterized in that the vibration-reducing spring element consists of steel.
23. (Currently amended) The implement according to Claim  $[(3)]$  1, characterized in that the damping element  $[(22)]$  consists of plastic.
24. (Currently amended) The implement according to Claim  $[(3)]$  1, characterized in that the damping element  $[(22)]$  consists of rubber or a composite material.
25. (Canceled)